



WOULD AMEND BILL, NOT VETO IT

An oversight on the part of both senate and house of representatives, discovered in time by the governor, came near thwarting the expressed intention of the legislature and the people. The bill intended to transfer control of the water and sewer departments from the territory to the City and County of Honolulu, by being amended in the senate (left no provision for the departments' maintenance until July 1, 1914).

It was first thought yesterday, when Governor Frear discovered the error, that the measure might be sent back with his veto, thus requiring a new bill, but as the time is growing so brief for such enactment, the chief executive has discovered a better method of handling the subject.

He sent down to the senate this morning a draft of a bill which he asks the legislature to pass, amending the waterworks bill now on his desk. He will hold the defective measure until the amending bill is passed, then sign both at the same time.

As the present waterworks transfer bill stands, it does not provide that either the water or sewer rates may be fixed or collected, from the time the law is enacted until the time the departments are to be taken over by the city and county.

The bill Governor Frear has sent down, seeking to amend the one in error, proposes to permit certain clauses of the law at present governing the two departments, to continue in effect until the actual transfer takes place.

As the governor viewed the measure yesterday, when it first came before him, it apparently contained no provision for the maintenance of the department during the next year, or until it should be taken over by the city in July, 1914.

A schedule of water rates was provided in the bill which originally passed the house, and this included a clause providing for the department's upkeep until such time as it would be taken over by the city. In eliminating the rate schedule the senate also struck out the latter clause.

The senate's intent was good, however, and it was thought the elimination of the important clause was accidental. What the senate sought was the removal of any restriction on the city's power to regulate rates, enabling the municipality to establish such rates as might be found necessary to pay the expenses of the department.

The mandatory date of the water department's transfer from the territory to the city was set, in the bill, at July, 1914, leaving a year intervening in which the department must continue as at present.

HOUSE NOTES

The representatives yesterday unanimously adopted the report of the public lands committee on resolution No. 24. This is the report on the investigation of the public works department, excerpts of which were published a few days ago by the Star-Bulletin. It will be remembered that the committee flays Marston Campbell. The house also voted to send a copy of the report to the governor.

"Mr. Speaker," said Dr. Irwin, "I move also that the clerk be instructed to send a copy to the former superintendent of public works." A burst of laughter that shook even the dignity of the speaker, greeted Irwin's sallies, but the motion was forgotten. It was taken for granted that Marston Campbell already had received his copy.

APPROPRIATION BILL CHANGED

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and Chairman Watkins intimated this morning that he is ready to make a strong fight for the retention of the last-mentioned figure.

"The federal government is contributing \$20,000 to \$22,000 a year to the Hawaii National Guard," he said, "but it is not likely to continue the appropriation if Hawaii doesn't consider the department sufficiently important to keep a responsible official on the job, as disbursing agent and general factotum, to see that national guard affairs are properly taken care of."

The bill as now amended gives \$6000 to the Hilo public library on the stipulation that that institution becomes a branch of the Library of Hawaii. It reduces the expense appropriation for the attorney general's department from \$10,000 to \$9,000, raises the salary of the clerk in the auditor's office from \$325 to \$350 per month, and in the treasury department eliminates the position of deputy bank examiner, inserting in his place the job of bank examiner and clerk. The former was slated to receive a salary of \$250 a month; the latter is to get only \$150. It also slashes the item for official bonds from \$5000 to \$3500, but raises that for interest, commissions, expenses and public debt from \$560,000 to \$570,000.

In the tax bureau the \$10,000 item for maps and surveys is stricken entirely; the commission and expense item for the Oahu division is boosted \$2500, for the Maui division \$2000, for the Hawaii division \$2000 and for the Kauai division \$1000. In the bureau of conveyances it

tacks \$1000 onto the item for searcher of records, expert indexer and clerks, raising it to \$30,000 for the biennium.

The house's disapproval of the former conduct of the public works department is shown by a cut in the superintendent's salary, which was not touched by the senate. This item is reduced from the present figure of \$4800 a year, to \$4200, while the appropriation of \$30,000 for officers, employees and expenses is reduced \$2500. The items for the maintenance of government property on the island of Hawaii is cut from \$3500 to \$3000 and on Maui and Kauai from \$1000 to \$500 for each island.

A \$2000 item for sidewalks on territorial lots is inserted in the fund for the maintenance of the capitol and judiciary buildings. The fund for the harbor commission remains virtually untouched. In the public lands department \$2000 is added to the item for office expenses, officers and employees.

Quite a general cut is made in the salaries of sanitary inspectors, in the health department, reducing nearly all \$25 to \$20 per month.

One of the features of the house committee's work on the bill is the insertion of a new item, calling for \$15,000 to aid the Palama Settlement Association. Another feature is the reduction of the \$40,000 appropriation for the mosquito campaign, taking \$20,000 therefrom.

In the appropriations for leprosy work three new items are given: Amusements, \$2000; moving picture room for the Kala hospital, \$500, and postage and freight, \$3000.

The grand total called for in the appropriation bill as it came out of the house committee today is \$2,461,701.

Arthur Bernstein, a Los Angeles businessman, crazed by business troubles, leaped through the window of an overland train, and was captured after a chase and found to be but slightly injured.

AS TO BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

Referring to bovine tuberculosis control work, Dr. V. A. Norgaard, the territorial veterinarian, in his report for March, says:

"In connection with this most important work I have asked my assistant, Dr. Case, for a concise statement as to the present status of this work, a copy of which is herewith appended. From this it will be seen that no milk from tuberculous cows should be extended to the entire territory. In any case it is about time that the fourth annual test should be begun in order that the few remaining infected animals may be apprehended before they have a chance to again distribute the disease to other animals."

In regard to method, Dr. Norgaard argues strongly in favor of continuing the tuberculin test, as against the "tendency to revert to the physical examination method, as practiced in Germany, and to resort to the tuberculin test only when the bacteriological examination of the milk shows the presence of the tubercle bacillus. In this matter California has proved herself years behind many of the other states, and the obvious result, that is, the constant spread and increase of the disease, must become apparent in a very short time."

Dr. L. N. Case, the assistant veterinarian, gives the statistics referred to by the chief. He shows that in the city and county of Honolulu the number of cattle tested was 2117 in 1910, 4050 in 1911 and 5290 in 1912; passed, 1595 in 1910, 3841 in 1911 and 5087 in 1912; condemned, 423 in 1910, 218 in 1911, and 203 in 1912; suspicious, 51 in 1910 and none in the two succeeding years; percentage, 22.24 in 1910, 5.39 in 1911 and 3.81 in 1912.

HOUSE

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

New Bills

H. B. 313.—To amend section 3192 of R. L. H.—Tavares. Second reading tomorrow.

Third Reading

H. B. 288 (Lyman).—Declaring and designating a certain tract of government land at Hilo, Hawaii, as a site for the Hilo armory. Passed, 24 to 0.

H. B. 303 (Robertson).—To prohibit the making or uttering of commercial paper in certain cases. Passed, 25 to 0.

H. B. 306 (Sheldon).—Amending act 89, S. L. 1913, creating a public utilities commission. Passed, 27 to 8.

H. B. 308 (Sheldon).—Relating to gambling. Passed.

S. B. 70 (Judd).—Extending the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company franchise. Action deferred to tomorrow.

S. R. 37 (Baldwin).—Relating to hunting with firearms. Failed to pass, 11 to 18. On re-consideration bill was killed.

Resolution

H. R. 138.—Requesting attorney general to investigate claim of Kaneohe Ranch Company to certain roads now kept closed by gates.—Health and police committee. Adopted.

Second Reading

H. B. 309 (Lands committee).—Relating to harbors and wharves, repealed and adding certain laws thereto. Passed. Third reading tomorrow.

H. B. 310 (Robertson).—Appropriating \$1675 to reimburse certain persons for money advanced by them. Passed. Third reading tomorrow.

H. B. 311 (Paxson).—Relating to the use and control of artesian wells. Passed. Third reading tomorrow.

H. B. 312 (Health and police committee).—To provide for the adjudication of pot shop claims. Passed. Third reading tomorrow.

Committee Reports

N. 477.—Health and police, on H. B. 224 (McCandless) and house petition 28 (Watson), relating to pot shop claims, recommending they be tabled and H. B. 312, on same subject, be passed. Report adopted.

No. 478.—Health and police, on H. B. 295 (Sheldon), to prohibit treating in saloons, recommending it be tabled. Report adopted.

No. 479.—Health and police, on house petition 51 (Kaniho), praying for legislative action in the matter of opening roads closed by the Kaneohe Ranch Co., presenting resolution asking attorney general to investigate matter. Report adopted.

No. 480.—Health and police, on H. R. 133 (Kaniho), directing the manager of the pineapple plantation at Kaneohe not to pollute the water of the ditch near Kaneohe, Kaneohe, recommending it be tabled. Report adopted.

No. 481.—Finance, on S. B. 38 (Ways and means committee), making general appropriations for next biennium. Report adopted. Third reading tomorrow.

No. 482.—Printing, reported B. B.'s 209, 310, 311 and 312 printed.

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SENATE

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

New Bills

S. B. 150.—Relating to election of officers and regulating registration.—Penhallow.

Third Reading

H. B. 305.—Changing the date of elections in counties. 11-0.

H. B. 186.—Fixing the closed season of bass. 11-0.

H. B. 166.—Prohibiting taking of loa with large nets. 15-0.

H. B. 260.—To establish civil service in board of health. 13-0.

H. B. 294.—To construct road in Pu-kele. 13-0.

H. B. 171.—Changing closed season of amaama. 13-0.

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H. R. 175.—Fixing the number of supervising principals. 15-0.

H. B. 281.—Amending laws relating to county warrants. 15-0.

H. B. 284.—To establish Kauai high school. 15-0.

Passed Second Reading

H. B. 307.—Prohibiting minors on streets after 7 o'clock.

First Reading

S. B. 150.—Relating to election of officers and regulating registration.

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